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SUBJECT: DWARF CHIMPANZEES

FOR AF/C - STRAND

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM JULIAN ENGEL OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF FOLLOWING.

2. EMBASSY HAS SPOKEN TO PROFESSOR GHESQUIERE AND MR. SINCLAIR DUNNETT. THEY CONFIRM CAPTURE OF TWO FEMALES AND ONE MALE IN GOOD CONDITION. CAPTURE OPERATION CONTINUING.

3. DR. NTIKA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IRASAC, PREPARING NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO PERMIT EXPORT OF ANIMALS. HE HAS DRAFTED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN YERKES AND THE PRESIDENCY WHICH AFTER NON-SUBSTANTIVE PREAMBLE CONTAINS FOLLOWING OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS:

QUOTE: 6. IT IS AGREED THAT: IN THE INTEREST OF SCIENCE THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE PLACES AT THE DISPOSITION OF YERKES, WORKING WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS) IN WASHINGTON, TWO COUPLES WITH A VIEW TO UNDERGOING MEDICAL AND BIO-ANTHROPOLOGICAL TESTS.

7. THESE ANIMALS REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE.

8. THE TRANSPORT OF THESE ZAIRIAN CHIMPANZEES TO THE USA (WASHINGTON) AND FROM THE USA TO ZAIRE WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF YERKES UNDER THE CONTROL OF A ZAIRIAN
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VETERINARIAN ASSISTED BY AN EXPATRIATE TECHNICIAN

DESIGNATED BY YERKES.

9. THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS WILL BE PUBLISHED
BY THE TWO INSTITUTIONS, THAT IS YERKES AND IRSAC.

10. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE ZAIRIAN
VETERINARIAN NOT ONLY WILL BE PRESENT DURING ALL THE
TESTS UNDERGONE BY THE PAN PANISCUS, BUT WILL ALSO
PROFIT FROM HIS STAY TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH PRIMATOLOGY.
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4. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE PAPERWORK HERE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS
DR. BOURNE SEND TELEGRAM THROUGH DEPARTMENT CHANNELS
AGREEING TO ABOVE ON BEHALF OF YERKES. HOPEFULLY, PRESIDENCY
WILL NOT INSIST ON ACTUAL SIGNATURE PRIOR TO EXPORT OF
ANIMALS. IN LATTER EVENT, SUGGEST YERKES AUTHORIZE EITHER
PROFESSOR GHESQUIERE OR SINCLAIR DUNNETT TO SIGN ON ITS
BEHALF.

5. GHESQUIERE ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED DCM SEEK AUTHORITY
TO SIGN BUT IT WAS POINTED OUT FS REGULATIONS PROHIBIT
DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS FROM PERFORMING LEGAL SERVICES ON BEHALF OF
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. DUNNETT ANXIOUS RETURN SCOTLAND
IN NEAR FUTURE.
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